

RESOLUTIONS

ASSENTED TO BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, AT A SESSION
BEGUN ON THE THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, 1861, AND ENDED
ON THE TENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1862.

NUMBER 1.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Coleman Yellott, Senator, from Baltimore city, has, during three successive sessions of this Body, absented himself from his seat therein without assigning any reason therefor; *and whereas*, it is a matter of public notoriety, established also by testimony before the committee on Judicial Proceedings, that the said Senator from Baltimore city has gone to the State of Virginia, and has no intention of resuming his seat in this Senate. *And whereas*, it is right and proper that in these times of public peril the large and populous city of Baltimore should be represented here. *And whereas*, the Constitution of Maryland provides that in the event of the removal of a Senator from the county or city for which he shall have been elected, the President of the Senate shall issue his warrant of election for the election of another person in his place; therefore,

Resolved, That the seat of the Senator from Baltimore city, be and the same is hereby declared vacated.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate issue his warrant for the election of a Senator from Baltimore city immediately.

NUMBER 2.

WHEREAS, Maryland, in her recent election, has unmistakeably demonstrated through the ballot-box her loyalty and devotion to the Union, and as one of the United States claims all her rights under the Constitution; *and whereas*, we believe that the present war is waged in no spirit of hostility to the institutions of any of the States, but solely to vindicate the integrity of the Union and to restore amity and peace among all the parts thereof. *And whereas*, notwithstanding this policy, it sometimes happens that through the action of individuals among the troops, negroes belonging to citizens of this State escape into the lines of the Federal Army, thereby causing trouble, and occasionally loss to their owners. *And whereas*, we desire to take some specific action upon this subject; therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a joint committee to consist of three Members upon the part of the Senate and three upon the part of the House of Delegates, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, respectively, whose duty it shall be to proceed forthwith to Washington and request an interview with Major General McClellan, and solicit the adoption of some plan to prevent the admission of fugitive slaves within the lines of the army.

Resolved, That said committee be directed to report immediately upon their return the result of their mission.